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Musgrove Legislative Agenda Alive and Well

Jackson, MS – Legislation driven by Governor Ronnie Musgrove continues to be successful, moving past the first major deadline of the legislative calendar. Musgrove's priority issues, including economic development, safe communities, health care and education are gathering support.

"I put very specific proposals on the table to address the needs of our people, and I'm pleased to see them gaining support," Musgrove said. "These issues are important to every Mississippian. We have to keep the momentum going."

In addition, the Governor's budget proposals are attracting more positive attention than any other executive budget in memory. The House adopted the Governor's proposal on tax collections. Representative Randy Pierce, a Certified Public Accountant by trade, explained that H.B. 1379 will generate \$119.2 million for the 2003 fiscal year.

"The legislature must use realistic numbers, like they have in H.B. 1379, for the entire budget process," stated Musgrove. "It is important that the Legislature realize the effect of the national economy on Mississippi."